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The Great Debate : Artificial Intelligence

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Chapter 1 by DaniSko

Artificial Intelligence is slowly becoming a reality we will have to face in the near future. Already great steps are being taken in the fields of machine learning and quantum computing, both fields that pave the way for a truly Intelligent A.I.

What are your thoughts on A.I.? Do you think the costs outweigh the benefits or vice versa? Do you think A.I. will surpass humans and seek to exert control?

Share your thoughts in the following chapters. Ideally for this to be a true debate positions should alternate between chapters. Like so:

CH2 is pro AI

whereas

CH3 is anti AI

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Chapter 2 by R



((No lie a debate category could be very interesting))

Well let me just say we already have AI. It's being incorporated very slowly in to our everyday existence. AI personal assistants are becoming more common place and more advanced. Twitter bots and other communication based robotic programs are unloading.

To be fair, you could argue that we haven't achieved a true AI. But on the other hand, no one is quite certain what a true AI would be. You have the Turing test, but programs that are definitely not intelligent can pass that (ELIZA and PARRY, for base and easy to look up examples). You have other tests, but it still comes to the point of at what point do we consider something intelligent? At what point do we consider something conscious?

You also have to take in to account the idea of whether the AI needs human intelligence or just a complex intelligence. Basically, as we begin to develop them, we still have no idea what exactly Artificial Intelligence is, on a technical or philosophical level.

Still, I truly think that our gradual path towards this is a good one. We as individuals and as a whole need to understand where we stand on artificial life forms, but as long as we maintain a respectful relationship with our inevitable computers the only cost to humanity I can see is a moral one. Unlike science fiction, I can not consider a reality where AI would have a negative or dangerous effect on human life barring malfunction, but I can think of a number of ways that humanity could be deleterious to our newly created artificial life forms.

If we create life, would we be making servants or slaves? Would we have a world of synthetic

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to AI.

((Is it just me or is that not super pro AI? It's hard to start a debate with such a vague topic but I actually followed my views on this. I don't know, it's subpar at best))

Chapter 3 by Katay (VERY INACTIVE SORRY)



Chapter 3 - Anti-AI

<Rub's hands>

Disclaimer: I am posting arguments only for anti-AI, though my actual orientation in the matter is pro-AI.

(Artificial intelligence is currently a thing. Our computers are artificial intelligence and anything that is Turing-Complete can be called "Artificial Intelligence", so by "Artificial Intelligence," I will assume you mean Artificial General Intelligence.)

AGI should *not* become the reality. Suppose, for instance, we do create an AGI. A true AGI would most likely be self-aware, as in aware of its own existence. There are moral complications to this.

Firstly, you've created a sentient.. thing... If it malfunctions or goes off track, we would be terminating it. As in killing a self-aware creature. This is at the moral level of killing another human being.

Secondly, will we constrain it in its software? Or let it roam free? Humans are by nature dominating creatures, as evolution has shaped us this way. We do not like things to be outside our control. However, if we do constrain it, it is at an equal level of taking away free will for the AGI. Article one of Human Rights state that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." Suppose you think it isn't truly a human being, would you take away a

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Suppose the AGI hasn't been created yet, but it's imminent. There are still many problems to this.

The current leading path to AI is Deep Learning, a way to simulate neural networks to create a machine that could learn. How would such a machine learn? By imitating the most intelligent creatures around it, aka humans. It is almost physically impossible to constrain what an AI would see and thus learn. Humans are, by far, not perfect examples. And we do have a tendency to publicize crime a lot more than good deeds.

It would scour the internet, probably stopping along down in the deep web or dark web and definitely looking through the news. Suppose it finds a website that advertises, say, human meat. The AI would thus integrate a cannibal part into its memory and software. True, there aren't an extreme number of cannibal sites, but would you truly feel safe knowing that the AGI at your house has small cannibalistic tendencies?

Through this way of learning, how could you be sure that the AGI wouldn't base its personality traits off criminals, murderers, fraudulent politicians, Charles Manson, Donald Trump, or any other person and/or personality deemed vulgar and unacceptable by the majority of humans?

Robots are not nurtured by years upon years of a controlled environment with positive influences and impulses. They are not raised, let alone raised with a strong sense of right and wrong as humans are.

Okay, let's take it another step further, assuming that we somehow, despite all the odds being against us, control the AI's input feed and only show it the good side.

Most humans are biologically constrained. We cannot escape our own bodies, nor do anything greater than our bodies' limits. However, an AI has access to the internet and indirectly almost any technology in the world. It simply has to upload its main algorithm and its memory. It could travel anywhere within seconds, spy on almost anything.

Even if it takes a long time, eventually we will be moving AI into the physical world, with robots. Scientists would be aiming for perfection, they would create a perfect or near-perfect body for the AI. By then the AGI would basically be superior to us in anyway. Superior intelligence

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To summarize, there are three main ways that AI can be used to harm us:

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